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FROM:	Director, Uffice of External Affairs	STAT
SUBJECT:	Response to HAC Questions	
Attached ar	re responses to the HAC's questions regarding the DCI's	
decision to disc	ontinue CIA's newsclipping service.	
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HAC OVERVIEW QUESTIONS

QUESTION AREA: CIA News Clipping Service

For several years, the Committee has received from CIA Xerox copies of articles that have appeared in the press concerning intelligence topics. A similar service is provided by DoD for Defense topics.

Recently, the Committee was notified that CIA was discontinuing its clipping service.

Mr. Casey, this service was extremely beneficial to the Committee.

QUESTION 1. Why was it discontinued?

ANSWER.

Several months ago I directed that extensive distribution of newspaper clips on intelligence issues be sharply curtailed. In my view the effort had mushroomed and was not cost-effective. I directed instead that major intelligence stories be briefly paraphrased and made available only for the benefit of senior CIA officials. (UNCLASSIFIED)

QUESTION 2. Is CIA providing this service to any other Congressional Committees, or within the intelligence community? If yes, will you agree to "renew" this Committee's subscription?

ANSWER.

CIA does not provide its daily summary of news items on intelligence to other intelligence organizations or to Congressional Committees. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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